CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Engineering

Minutes of the One Hundred and Seventh Meeting

of the

Engineering Faculty Council

held

on Wednesday, 12 November 1975

Present: J. Clair Callaghan (Chairman); Professors
Bhattacharyya, Douglass, du Plessis, Fazio,
Gracovetsky, Joly, Lin, Lindsay, Marsh, Pekau,
Russell, Sankar, Vidyasagar, Xistris; Mrs.
Z. Jirkowsky (Library representative); Messrs.
Janigan, Rauba, Szuts (Student representatives);
Professor J.C. Giguere (Secretary)

Visitors: Professors Kwok, Lang, Ramamurthy, Zielinski; R. Coveduck (President, E.U.A.)

- The Assistant Dean informed Council that the Dean would not be present for the first part of the meeting and had asked him to act as Chairman, pro tem.
- Motion 75-107-1
- Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the published agenda with the addition of items:
 - 6.1 Change in admission requirements for M.Eng. programme
 - 6.2 New graduate course proposal
 - 7.1 Student problems (Mr. Coveduck)
- Motion 75-107-2
- 3. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the minutes of the 105th meeting.
- 4. Mature Student Programme

Chairman informed Council that the EUSC had reviewed this matter and that its conclusions were set out in Doc. 75-107-1.

Motion 75-107-3

5. Council unanimously adopted a motion to recommend to Senate that the Mature Student Programme for preengineering be as set out in Doc. 75-107-1, with the understanding that EUSC would, during the course of the year, investigate the possibility of instituting a programme which would meet the specific needs of mature students, it being recognized that these needs could

differ from those of younger students whose education had not been interrupted.

6. M. Eng. (Building)

Professor Sankar, Chairman of EGSC, presented the Committee's revised recommendations concerning this programme (Doc. 75-107-2). He noted that the document consisted of four parts: a statement from EGSC and the Executive Committee, the proposed calendar description, a portion of a submission to EGSC from the Civil Engineering Department, and proposed course descriptions.

The Chairman suggested that Council proceed by considering first the proposed calendar description and second the proposed course descriptions.

Motion 75-107-4

- 7. Council unanimously approved a motion to recommend to BGS and Senate the approval of the M.Eng. (Building) programme as set out in the proposed calendar desciption.
- 8. The Chairman noted that the Dean's office would reserve the right to make editorial changes to the proposed calendar description.

Secretary's note: A revised version of the sections "Admission Requirements" and "Requirements for the Degree" have been included with the present minutes (Doc. 75-107-3).

Motion 75-107-5

- 9. Council considered a motion to approve the course descriptions as set out in Doc. 75-107-2.
- 10. It was noted that the title of Bldg Eng N-650 should be Engineering Materials and not Building Materials.
- It was agreed to modify the description of Bldg Eng N-779 by replacing the words "on various topics" with the words "and case studies".
- 12. It was noted that there might be further changes to course descriptions. These would be studied by EGSC and submitted to Council for consideration.
- 13. Council unanimously adopted Motion 75-107-5.
- 14. The Assistant Dean now turned the Chair over the Dean Callaghan.

15. Academic Regulations

The Chairman drew Council's attention to Doc. 75-105-17

which had been circulated for the previous meeting. It was noted that there had been some discussion of the matter in the departments and in EUSC.

During the ensuing discussion, there appeared to be general support for the characteristics and goals of a set of regulations appropriate to the environment existing at Concordia.

- 16. It was agreed that EUSC and the Executive Committee should proceed with the next step, namely, the setting out of various systems of regulations.
- 17. It was noted that the Computer Science Department had expressed an interest in adopting for the B.Comp.Sc. programme a set of academic regulations which might have the same characteristics and goals as those of the B.Eng. programme. The Computer Science Department will be kept informed of progress made.
- 18. Change in Admission Requirements for M.Eng. programme

 Professor Sankar presented EGSC's recommendations concerning modifications to admission requirements for the M.Eng. programme (Doc. 75-107-4).

Motion 75-107-6 19. Council considered a motion to recommend to BGS that admission requirements for the M.Eng. programme be modified as per item 1 of Doc. 75-107-4.

Motion 75-107-7

- 20. Council unanimously adopted a motion to amend Motion 75-107-6, by adding the statement: "Admission to full-time studies will be restricted to those who are judged by the Engineering Graduate Studies Committee as being qualified to undertake doctoral work."
- 21. It was agreed that the exact wording of the calendar statement would be entrusted to the Dean's office.
- 22. Council unanimously adopted Motion 75-107-6 as amended by Motion 75-107-7.
- 23. Graduate Course Proposal

Professor Sankar drew Council's attention to Doc. 75-107-5.

- 24. Council unanimously adopted a motion to add Eng N-715, as described in Doc. 75-107-5, to its list of minor modifications to graduate programmes to be submitted to BGS.
- 25. Student Problems

Mr. Janigan noted that certain problems had been iden-

tified during the course of a recent meeting of students with the Dean and faculty.

26. Library holdings of text and reference books for undergraduate courses were inadequate. Further, books which should be on the shelves were often missing. It was suggested that the bookstore should automatically order an extra copy of each text and reference book for the library, and that these books would be placed on the reserve list while the course was in progress.

It was agreed that the library co-ordinators should meet with students and the Library in order to resolve the problem.

- 27. Some textbooks were late in arriving at the bookstore although all orders had been placed last spring.
- 28. There was some apprehension among students concerning dishonest practices during examinations. The Assistant Dean noted that a proposal was to be placed before the Executive Committee which, if implemented, should help to establish a proper environment for the writing of examinations.